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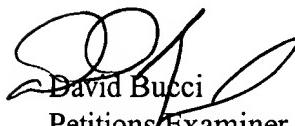
ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.183, filed November 10, 2009 and supplemented November 30, 2009, which is being treated as petition requesting waiver of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.172.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the inability to again obtain the signature from the originally signing inventor Ronald M. Kurtz is, notwithstanding the exercise of reasonable care and diligence, due to circumstances beyond his control. Accordingly, the declaration submitted concurrently with the instant petition will be accepted.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

  
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